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SUBJ: POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL GRANT: J K AVOGNON

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM MR J K AVOGNON, 16 BIS RUE DE ROMAINVILLE, 75019 PARIS, REQUESTING INFO CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR PHD AT NYU, WHERE HE PLANS TO CONTINUE WORK BEGUN LAST YEAR. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING AND INTERVIEWING HIM, ADVISING US HIS APPARENT SUITABILITY FOR SUCH GRANT. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT HE POLITICALLY ABLE RETURN BENIN AND WHAT TYPE TRAVEL DOCUMENT HE USES. (FYI, GPRB ATTEMPTING CLAMP DOWN ON LESS-THAN-IDEOLOGICALLY PURE STUDENT TRAVEL BY REQUIRING, SINCE JAN ONE, NEW AND DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE PASSPORT. HE MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY EVEN OBTAINING US VISA IF HE STILL USES OLD ONE, END FYI)

2. IF HE CAN RETURN, DOES HE INTEND TO DO SO, DOES HE HAVE OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FROM GOVT (ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS NOW NATIONALIZED), OR, LACKING THAT, WHAT ARE HIS PLANS? ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHAT LEVEL OF FUNDING HE NEEDS, AS HIS LETTER IMPLIES HIS CONTINUATION AT NYU NOT ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON OUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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3. FYI: FINDING SUITABLE BENINOIS GRANTEE CANDIDATES

BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT, AND IF HE SINCERELY PLANS RETURN  
HERE POST WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER TUITION ONLY OR TUITION AND  
PARTIAL SUPPORT GRANT FROM NEXT FY'S CU BUDGET. SUPPORT FOR  
HIS PLANNED ENTRANCE THIS JUNE NOT AVAILABLE OUR CURRENT FY CU  
BUDGET, AND WE HESITATE MAKE ANY OFFER BASED SOLELY ON POSS-  
IBILITY FALLOUT FUNDS. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MIGHT MAKE THAT  
CONSTRAINT KNOWN TO HIM.

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